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11. On 27 June poloff delivered demarche (reftel) to Ministry of Foreign Affairs desk officer Daniel Mutezintare in order to reiterate Ambassador's earlier discussions with Foreign Minister Murigande on the USG position on the re-hatting of AMIS to a UN peacekeeping operation. Poloff emphasized that the USG desired a strong and united African front supporting the transition to the UN and accepting partners' assistance in the AU. Mutezintare promised to deliver the specific points to the Minister and noted that the Rwandans understood well the benefits of partner nation support. (Note. Rwanda is the most recent addition to the group of countries qualifying for ACOTA and a recent visit from Washington by an ACOTA planner was met with enthusiasm by the Rwandan Defense Force. End note.)
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